



#### Introduction

With a population just shy of 9 million, ensuring the people who live, work and visit London can go about their day uninterrupted, while maintaining the infrastructure that supports this is vital. Road and street works form a key part of this maintenance and it's essential we support those that undertake the half a million works in the capital each year.

While companies are required to request road space through the submission of permits, this is not the only approval required when executing works. Managed through the Department for Transport's Street Manager system, permits are used to govern the authorisation process that allows road space on the public highway to be accessed.

Depending on the type of works, subsequent approvals are obtained, which could include, traffic management assessments, temporary traffic orders, bus stops suspensions and signal switch outs, among others. Process, system and timeframe variations across different authorities and departments add to the confusion, with additional resources needed to meet the administrative burden.

The SWAP project set out to address the legacy process complexities to improve user experience and develop a single access and unified approach to supplementary works approvals.

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## The Project

Effective in both delivery and cost, a single access software solution was explored to link the user interface with back-office systems, improving customer experience while mitigating operational impacts for staff assessing approval applications.

Given the need to prove the concept, this stage included consents which affect the most works:

- Traffic Management Assessments
- Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders / Notices
- Suspension of restrictions (TCSRs)
- Bus stop suspensions
- Temporary traffic signals
- Traffic signal switch-outs
- Waivers / reductions to Lane Rental charges





#### **Outcomes**

This discovery phase looked to gather information on the requirements for obtaining each approval and documenting the current process, flow of information, links/overlaps in information/processes/teams, systems used, opportunities for improvement, timelines between consents, payment requirements, external factors, risks and scalability.

The discovery phase provided a strong foundation for taking this project forward to build a proof-of-concept/ beta solution.

The two options were presented to the Lane Rental Governance Committee in February 2023, with the second of the two being selected.



## Chosen Option

Option 2 set out the concept and user journey:

- User journey to start in SWAP
- Complete a checklist/decision tree
- · Recommendation on which additional applications required
- Feedback on application progress via SWAP
- Dashboard presents "open" and "closed" status and the conclusion in a one-stop shop manner
- Users required to interact with other systems only IF there is a query or change

This option provided the optimum route to achieving the end objectives.



#### Conclusion

The feasibility study was successful in establishing a pathway of next steps in achieving cohesion and improved user experience.

Progression of option 2 for the proof of concept is anticipated to be more complex than option I, however it will introduce significant improvements in user experience and double the value in benefit.

The project team is now initiating the next phase.



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Optimising customer journeys through the delivery of safer, innovative and sustainable roadworks



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